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Examiner: Alvin A. Hunter

For: Golf Swing Practice Device

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

#### STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

### CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Preliminary Amendment is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Technology Center 3700, Atm: Alvin A. Hunter at (703) 872-9302 on July 23, 2003.

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#### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1) Claims Remaining After Amendment			(Col. 2)	(Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY			
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No additional fee for claims is required.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

5. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 500745. If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 500745.

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## Introductory Comments

The attached Preliminary Amendment is filed as a part of a Request For Continued Examination filed 05/21/2003 and replaces the Preliminary Amendment filed on said date as required by the Office Action mailed 07/16/2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 08/16/2003.

Amendments to the specification are attached hereto as a separate paper.

Amendments to the claims are attached hereto as a separate paper.

Remarks are attached hereto as a separate paper.

Very respectfully,

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